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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRI-CADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE

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FLAGLER IN THE CAMPAIGN.

A set of politicians in this state are strenuously endeavoring to drag Mr. Flagler's name into our primary election for state offices next year to act as a kind of terror and scarecrow to the voters.

These politicians seem to think that the very name of this gentleman will have the wild, maddening effect upon the good, honest, earnest-minded voters that a red rag has flaunted into the face of an infuriated bull.

What reason have these gentlemen for supposing that the name of Mr. Flagler will have this effect?

It ought not to.

It occurs to us that it will have directly the opposite effect.

Why?

Because it goes without saying that he is a benefactor to the state.

At the very time these little peanut fellows are trying to bring his name into disrepute among the voters of the state, what is Mr. Flagler doing?

He is rebuilding the Breakers, the beautiful hotel which was recently destroyed by fire at Palm Beach.

Unaided by any gavernment or state appropriation, he is extending his railroad through an almost uninhabited country to Cape Sable-the south ernmost point of the peninsular of Florida.

For every dollar the Federal government is spending in deepening the harbor at Miami, Mr, Flagler for the same purpose, is contributing a dollar from his private purse.

Mr. Flagler found the east coast of Florida almost a barren waste. He is converting it into a perennial flower garden-making it the most beautiful, luxurious and delightful strip of land in the western world.

Should a man like this be held up to the voters of the state as a terror and an evil doer?

and we believe the voters of the state will be wise enough and conservative enough to rebuke it.

Although expending his fortune of millions in the development of the state, Mr. Flagler has at no time and in no manner attempted to interfere with its political affairs.

To all intents and purposes, and so far as he has shown by his acts, his vote should go unchallenged in democratic primary.

prises, Mr. Flagler has established a great daily newspaper which would be a credit to any state in the Union.

Who has he put in charge of it?

Republicans? Not at all.

trusted with its editorial direction is Mr. George W. Wilson.

And who is Mr. Wilson?

He was formerly of this county and

won his political spurs here. years of age the democrats of this county thought him loyal enough and talented enough to represent them in the legislature and unanimously tendered him the nomination.

didate for congress he selected him as secretary of his campaign committee and Mr. Wilson virtually directed the campaign and General Bullock publicly and in a most pleasing manner extended him his grateful acknowledgments.

From the time Mr. Wilson was twenty-one years old up to the date of the big freeze his time, his talents and | well. - Minnopolis Tribune.

his purse belonged to the democratic

Mr. Wilson was collector of customs for the port of Jacksonville under Mr. Cleveland and his record as an official was so conspicuous that Mr. Flagler's attention was directed to it and it led to his offering him the position he now occupies.

For the business manager of his newspaper, whom did Mr. Flagler select?

A brother of Mr. John N. C. Stockton.

Do these these things look like he wants to destroy the democratic party in Florida?

Very few rich men are distributing their wealth to better purposes than Henry M. Flagler.

He has certainly demonstrated by his acts that he is a friend and a benefactor to Florida and we believe its good people appreciate his wonderful work for the upbuilding of the state and will rebuke the scheme of certain politicians to ride into office by abuse

-like Moses of old-a "land of promise," to which all eyes are to be directed, we believe the people will gladly become to him an Aaron and will feel honored in holding up his hands.

CHILD LABOR.

Mrs. Van Vorst and her sister, Miss Van Vorst, have written a book which has a preface by President Roosevelt, so it goes without saying that the character and standing of the authors are beyond question.

These ladies are wealthy but assumed the garb of working women and sought and obtained employment in cotton mills both in the north and in the south in order to better study

their conditions. The following criticism of the book ought to arrest attention:

"Even among the children, Miss a clear skin," but merely "parchment | the earth! elitions of childhood." She found that they "died like flies" in summer. Two hundred of these ttl prisoners, some only six years old, in one mill, where they got too tired to eat when they were given time for rest at noon. They fell asleep as soon as they reached home at night, and got no schooling or play. They could wash their hands Sundays. If they did not get back to work early in the morning, a man came around on horseback to rout them out of bed. Twenty thousand children, under twelve, were suffering thus last winter in the south; but I think the number has been reduced lately. Miss Van Vorst says that "during my stay in South Carolina, I never heard one woman advocate the mills for children." The mothers hate the factories, and so do all the girls who work there.

"These operatives are whites; and There is absolutely no excuse for it | the worst of it is that most of the stock of these mills and other estab. lishments at the south is owned in the north. You and I and our neighbors have power to set the children free from cruel toil, and let them go to school. We could have the mills ventilated, the dwellings supplied with pure water and the whole disloose talk in the work rooms and secure decent privacy, as well as washstands in the bed chamters. Such a mill as was visited by Miss Van Vorst at Columbia is a disgrace to Massachusetts as well as to South Among his other magnificent enter- ('arolina."

THE NEGRO IN THE NORTH.

We are tired of the negroes and the negro problem, and we are outraged with the negro preachers denouncing lynching without a word The gentleman who has been en- of condemnation for the negro brutes that cause them .- St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The negro race is but one generat. ion out of slavery, and but few generations out of barbarism. When he When he was barely twenty-one reverts to barbarism and committs a crime against womankind the punishment will be fully as swift and horrible in the north as in the south .-Kansas City Journal.

The wave of black horror that is When General Bullock was a can- creeping over the country will soon or late be met and stopped and overwhelmed by a wave of horror that will leave the superior race rid of every. thing of the inferior but the brutal barbarious passions and habit the conflict has bred. The dark horrow that bangs over the south is creeping over the Potomac, the Ohio, the Mississippi and menacing the north as

BIG MEN IN BIG PLACES.

After listening to Rector Little's sermon last Sunday on the death of Pope Leo XIII this thought occurred

"What a glorious thing it would be if all our public and semi-public places could be filled by big men!"

and there is such a bigness about his a privilege and a delight.

tened to.

For instance, what great crowds have swarmed the Methodist church in this city to hear Bishops Pierce, Kavanaugh, Galloway and Candler. How Plymouth church was always packed to hear Beecher and what a hold all through life Wesley, Spurgeon and Talmage had upon the multitudes-the "common people" as the Bible expresses it.

With what intensity the great masses formerly read the editorials of Greeley, Dana, Bowles, Prentiss and In his great purpose to make Florida | Brownlow and what a hold Watterson still exercises on the reading public!

> Why is this? It is because bigness belongs to man, it is a part of his creation and no heights are too difficult for him to climb-no man has thoughts bigger than other men can

himself out of the narrow ruts, which dwarf the intellect, and pull himself | work on the trains. into bigger ones, which gives it bigger room for growth.

As man becomes tolerant he becomes great.

Mr. Little said that "he was not a big man who could not be bigger than his church."

And what a great truth that is.

in a rut as big as that what few sins the church would have to answer for Van Vorst "never saw a rosy cheek or and what a halo of glory would cover

these years, Leo has shown, by the bigness of his life, that the Catholic were confined for thirteen hours a day | church is much bigger without it than

> Mr. Little took for his text the following verse from Matt. 23;11.

"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

That was a startling announcement for up to that time the world was unaccustomed to that kind of greatness. Conquest was the ancient idea.

But under the teachings of Christ in the text quoted by the eminent preacher this idea of greatness is rapidly vanishing and a sublimer idea is taking its place.

The preacher did not an derrate nor underestimate the greatness of such men as Napoleon, but he compared the greatness of such men, who had no higher ideals of the uses of men than as food for powder, to the higher ideals of Christ and those who have comprehended the full meaning of his teachings.

Mr. Little named eight persons, trict drained. We could prohibit born almost within a decade of each other, who, pursuing a course that gave them a broader view of things, have left an impress upon the world for its betterment which will last for ages.

These persons were Gladstone, Bismarck, Cavour, Gambetti, Lincoln,

Ruskin, Victoria and Pope Leo. He could also have stretched the number to ten and mentioned Li Hung and Count Ito, who have certainly made their influence felt throughout the inhabitable globe!

The eloquent divine strewed the pathway of those eight with beautiful flowers. The most of them rising from the common walks of life, he showed how truly blessed is the world by their patriotic labors.

His sketch of Leo was that of a master. Broad, simple, touching and affectionate, the picture he drew of him at no time was too little nor too highly colored. His praise was full without being fulsome.

The sermon throughout was pleasing, well considered and instructive and will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of listening to

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STATE OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS.

Chicago, with other cities in Illinois, has just been given the right to build, own and operate street railroads. Many believe that cities should own street car lines and the state the steam railroads.

Victoria, an Australian colony, Rector Little himself is a big man | does. State ownership has been proclaimed a success. It has been particsermons that they make church-going | ularly urged that it improves the position of "labor." As a matter of And how eagerly big men are lis- fact, like all socialism, real or disguised, it is a step toward slavery.

Labor in Victoria has just found this out. Victoria has 1883 miles of railroad. They are run by the government. The engineers, firemen and train hands wanted more wages. They organized and joined "Trade Hall," the colony federation of labor unions. As this body takes part in politics, the government of Victoria, chosen by universal manhood suffage, asked its railroad men to withdraw, as an old law prohibits any one in the service of the state from belonging to a political organization.

The railroad employees refused. On May 6, the government announced that unless they withdrew from the union they would be discharged. A strike followed. Every wheel stopped. Even the mails had to be sent by coach. The lines were picketed, but To become big one has only to pull a few enginemen returned and the section and track hands were put to

Violence followed. Sir A. J. Peacock, the Premier and "Minister of Labor," called a special session of the legislature. It faced the situating that In the course of his sermon Sunday | the state railroads were in the hands of strikers who refused to run them or allow others to do so. The state acted as the state always will and must when it is an employer. A penal Suppose that all men had traveled law was passed. It prohibited a rail road employee from leaving work without fourteen days' notice. It penalized interference with new nonunion men, prohibited the collection Struggling for temporal power all of strike funds, gave the police authority to close meetings advocating a strike and authorized them to seize and destroy any newspaper defending or encouraging a railroad strike.

This drastic act was put on its passage. It passed one chamber and plainly had a reajority in the other. The men asked for terms and some increase. The government refused anything but an unconditional sur render. In one week the strikers had resigned from the union and returned to their work.

The National Guard or even Federal troops is a mild way of dealing with a railroad strike compared with this. There is no country where "labor" is better "organized" than in Australia; but if the state is owner the state has to be obeyed. Where another employer must turn to the law, the state can make its own law.—Los Angeles Cal.) Journal.

Some of the Political Superiors of Women.

To the Editor of the Ocala Bauner, There recently appeared in the newspapers the following:

"Three Polanders, who could not

speak a word of English, were recently sent to Bay State, Long Island, tagged as express packages. They had been shipped from New York and were delivered in an express wagon. How long these "express packages" have been floating about in this country is not stated, but we are reminded that in a short time these "express packages" may, by a very little coaching, be voting upon questions of national importance in this country. Over 756,225 emigrants have landed in this country, during the last eleven months. Of these Italy, Austria-

Hungary and Russia furnished 65 per cent. As a rule these men are of the most ignorant and degraded type, bringing with them the most primitive ideas of the degraded position which properly belongs to women. To such men as these, who hold the balance of power, our intelligent, lawabiding, taxpaying American women are obliged to plead for their political rights.

It is any wonder that our intelligent American women cry out in despair the prayer of Dr. Lyman Beecher: "O Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant, O. Lord, that they may not act so that we can't help it!"

ELNORA M. BABCOCK.



General Bullock and the Governor-

Mr. George R. McKean makes the prices have been unusulaity good following authorized statement in the

Tampa Tribune of Tuesday; "When General Bullock was first spoken of as a possible candidate. Senator Brown did go to him and offered to withdraw if he would consent to make the race but it was on the con dition that the General must decide | Senator Marion House, of North and make his announcement in a few | Carolina, is settling the Bosto in days. This act on the part of Senator Mexico. He has closed a deal with Brown was and is appreciated but for them for [181,000] across of land and have good and sufficiet reasons. General an option on an additional limits Bullock did not see fit to accept these acres. terms and without committing himself one way or the other, he left Sen- by the veteran solution and standard ator Brown free to act as he chose. He John B. Johnson lossing grossel at thinks that is making up his mind, I vigorous pladest against the vicese there are other things of more vital practice of exemin nationalism importance than the candidacy of the use of applicable after of against Senator Brown to be considered.

Brown that he would not be a candir able energy to the development of date, nor has the latter received such [Florida, the White Surveys Herald assurance from anyone authorized to remarks that the protect and assurance give it. General Bullock may be a for the feature by the property of the feature candidate. The field is being care- not used nor applied by democracy fully canvassed by his friends. If in but "are the stock in truck" of these their judgment, they deem it wise to who, "destitute of political principle enter him in the race, announcement and having no fixed policy, where to that effect will be mide at the prop, their own positions of race ment are er time. Neither the General or his camp followers and loans papers friends will be hurried in this matter in the democratic camp for the lower by the aspirations of other candi- and fishes that they have chance be dates. There is still plenty of time pick up. - Personcold Press. for announcements, and should his friends decide to run him, the public and his friends will be notified to me uncertain tones.

Today, General Bullouk is simply a possibility. When that is said all is

The Times-Union at the World's Fair. The Times-Union World's Fair contest will be the means of doubling that paper's circulation. The way the votes are going in for the candidates the people over the state are taking considerable interest in the contest. As yet 'no young lady of Volusia has entered. The confest will end in the young ladies winning. who have the best fluancial backing, The fight will, however, be fair, if the T. U. will not furnish any special edition to any of the candidates their friends,-DeLand News.

Prospectors in Florida.

A number of prospectors from Hampton county, S. C., are visiting Florida for the purpose of examining the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the state and it satis fied, expect to bring a large number of settlers here. These parties ar now in Manatee county but before returning will visit other sections the state.

We hope they will not leave Marjor county out of their itinerancy.

A Fiorida Habit.

The "good old summer time" is with us: but neither the dry nor the wet weather, nor mosquitoes, seem ! diminish the regular crop of June and July weddings on the East Coast. -East Coast Advocate.

Two Bottles Cured Him.

I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., "but two bottles Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanedt cure."

Pear shipments have been unusually heavy in Middle Firster and the

few men meet to Jacksonville as

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